



# Maryland Department of Agriculture

## 2016 Maryland Animal Health Fair and Show Requirements

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### ***ANIMAL HEALTH ALERT***

#### ***HIGH PATH AVIAN INFLUENZA PRECAUTIONS FOR EXHIBITIONS:***

**JANUARY 1, 2016: TO PREVENT THE INTRODUCTION AND SPREAD OF HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IN MARYLAND WHICH HAS RECENTLY INFECTED FLOCKS IN THE WEST AND MIDWEST UNITED STATES AND MAY POSSIBLY REACH MARYLAND FLOCKS THROUGH MIGRATORY WATERFOWL, THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS AFFECTING POULTRY EXHIBITIONS ARE ISSUED FOR THE 2016 FAIR AND SHOW SEASON IN MARYLAND:**

- 1) NO POULTRY EXHIBITIONS WILL BE ALLOWED PRIOR TO MAY 15, 2016.**
- 2) AFTER MAY 15, 2016, ONE DAY ONLY POULTRY- EGG EXHIBITIONS ARE ALLOWED WITH THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS:**
  - A. NO WATERFOWL WILL BE ALLOWED INTO FAIRS AND SHOWS.**
  - B. NO PRIVATE POULTRY SALES AT FAIRS AND SHOWS.**
  - C. EGGS MUST BE CLEANED AND SANITIZED**
  - D. ALL POULTRY MUST BE TESTED FOR AVIAN INFLUENZA, IN STATE AND OUT OF STATE, within 10 days prior to entry, or originate directly from an NPIP Avian Influenza Clean or Monitored flock.**
  - E. NO WILDBIRD DISPLAYS OR POULTRY PETTING ZOOS WILL BE ALLOWED.**

The Maryland Department of Agriculture's (MDA), Animal Health Program strives to safeguard Maryland's animal industries at our Fairs and Shows. With an increased potential of disease transmission occurring when large numbers of animals gather for exhibition, MDA has set forth requirements for exhibitors to follow at Maryland Fairs and Shows. As an exhibitor, you can help reduce the potential risk of introduction and spread of infectious and/or contagious diseases by following the species specific health requirements as below.

Maryland Law provides penalties for violations of Animal Health Law and Regulations.

Livestock and poultry failing to meet Documentation or Health Requirements will be denied entry or removed from the exhibition - "REJECTED". See **Animal Rejection Policy** under General Requirements for details.



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## **NEW POLICIES:**

1. **CVIs:** There is a new Maryland Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) Form that will replace both Interstate and Intrastate CVIs in Maryland. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVIs) originating in Maryland for both interstate and intrastate movement will be called "**Maryland CVIs**". The same form used for movement to exhibitions within Maryland ("intrastate") will be used for sale or movement of animals from Maryland to another state ("interstate"). There are separate boxes on the new Maryland CVI form to designate "Interstate" movement, "Exhibition" and "Sale".
  - a. **Forms marked "Exhibition" will be valid for 90 days for movement to an Exhibition (fair or show) within Maryland**
  - b. **Forms marked "Interstate" will be valid for 30 days for out of state (interstate) movement.**
  - c. **Forms marked "Sale" will be valid for 30 days for purposes of sale.**
2. **Camelids:** Camelids entering Maryland will no longer be required to have a TB test if they are coming from a TB Free State, Region or Zone.

## **CONTINUING POLICIES:**

1. **Animal Identification Requirements:** In 2016, there will be a continuation of 2015 of Federal and State Animal Identification requirements. All animals except rabbits must have "Official Identification" to enter exhibitions. In most cases, this means the animal will have to be identified using an official USDA or MD tag that is associated with a registered premise. Official Identification criteria and examples are provided at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/materials.shtml>. These requirements specifically affect:
  - a. **Swine:** Recognized breed ear notches or tattoos will not be acceptable as official identification in Maryland exhibitions. Swine must have tags bearing official identification.
  - b. **Cattle:** Brands or tattoos will not be acceptable as official identification in Maryland exhibitions for cattle. Animals must have a tag with official identification
  - c. **Sheep and Goats:** All sheep and goats must be officially scrapie-identified. Official identification for sheep and goats include the following:
    - i. USDA-approved eartags;
    - ii. Legible registration tattoos, for which the registration paper shall accompany the animals; or
    - iii. Legible tattoos consisting of an individual animal number unique within the flock in one ear and the official scrapie premise identification number (flock ID) in the other ear, except that the tail web or flank may be used for earless animals or animals with damaged ears and must be accompanied by an owner statement.

Official identification tags may be requested from the Maryland Department of Agriculture by calling 410-841-5810 or emailing [animal.disease.traceability@maryland.gov](mailto:animal.disease.traceability@maryland.gov).

To receive official sheep and goat ear tags or devices for interstate movement: Call 1-866-USDA-TAG (866-873-2824) to be connected to your local Veterinary Services Area Office and request that a premises identification number and Flock ID be assigned to your flock.

2. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) Requirements:**
  - a. CVIs must be submitted by veterinarians to the Maryland Department of Agriculture **within 7 days of inspection.**
  - b. **Veterinarians completing Maryland CVIs** must fill out these forms completely, accurately, and legibly and **include official identification information** on the CVIs. Repeated failure to comply with requirements for MD CVI completion is grounds for loss of Accreditation. **Only the examining veterinarian may sign MD CVIs.**
  - c. There is **no** requirement for review, approval and stamping of the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) prior to the animals going to the fair, show or exhibition.
  - d. Falsification of information on MD CVIs or failure to properly complete MD CVIs are violations of State law and subject to fines up to \$10,000 (Agriculture Title 3 §3-118).



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## Requirements for Sponsors of a Livestock/Poultry Exhibition (COMAR 15.11.14.05)

1. Notification: Exhibit Sponsors must notify the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), Animal Health Program Headquarters, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401, of intent to sponsor an event that includes the exhibition of livestock or poultry no less than 60 days before the proposed event. Click [here](#) to download the Notification Form for Livestock/Poultry Exhibition, or call 410-841-5810 to request a form.
2. Reporting: Sponsors must report to the Department any animal from the exhibition suspected of having or showing obvious, apparent, or known signs of a contagious or infectious disease and/or deaths; and exclude from the exhibition premises any animal having obvious, apparent, or known signs of a contagious or infectious disease. A summary of all disease events shall be provided to MDA upon request, in the form of an "After Action Report".
3. Exhibit sponsors must maintain a report of the owner, premises location and species of all animals attending the exhibition and provide this report upon request by MDA.
4. Exemptions: Exemptions of this regulation may be granted. (Refer to COMAR 15.11.14.05)

## General Requirements for Exhibitors of All Animal Species (COMAR 15.11.14.04-06)

**Exhibitors** at state, county, and district fairs, along with other livestock exhibitions, expositions, and shows are required to comply with regulatory provisions of the State of Maryland relating to animal health as noted in COMAR 15.11.14.04-06. These general requirements are summarized below.

**Requirements Apply to All Livestock:** Livestock is defined as those species of animals used for human food or fiber or those species of animals used for service to humans. This includes but is not limited to cattle, sheep, new world camelids (llamas, alpacas, vicunas, and guanacos), goats, bison, privately owned cervids, ratites (cassowaries, kiwis, ostriches, and emus), swine, equine, poultry, aquaculture, and rabbits. Livestock does not include dogs and cats.

1. **DOCUMENTATION:** Documentation is required for entry of all livestock and poultry and is described below. Examples of forms can be obtained by clicking on links. For out of state animals, see species specific out of state requirements. **Upon request, a person who exhibits livestock shall present for inspection all reports, test charts, and appropriate health certificates required to accompany the livestock.**
2. **A CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION is required for most entries.**
  - a. **MARYLAND ENTRIES:** All Maryland entries must be accompanied by a **Maryland Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** (CVI) for show, except Poultry, Equine and Rabbits.
    - The Maryland CVI **is valid for 90 days for fairs and shows**, providing that the status of the herd or animal(s) does not change.
    - The *Maryland CVI* is a legible record, made on an official Maryland State form, issued by an accredited veterinarian, issued for animals being shown within the state and not crossing a state line, which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of the state of Maryland.
    - **The Maryland CVI must be filled out, completed and signed by an accredited veterinarian using the proper selected report on the CVI form.** Each animal must be properly identified on the CVI. The veterinarian must select if this document is for interstate travel, fair and exhibition season, equine, sale or other (with explanation).
    - The veterinarian is required to send the original top (white) copy to MDA Headquarters **within 7 days of completion**, the middle (yellow) transport copy is to be retained by the owner of the livestock and the last (pink) copy is for the veterinarian's records.



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**b. OUT OF STATE ENTRIES:** All out-of-state entries must be accompanied by an ***Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection***, except Poultry and Rabbits, and equine originating from Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia or West Virginia (equine coming from these states must have a valid Equine Infectious Anemia test report to enter).

- The Interstate CVI **is valid for no more than 30 days** from the date of inspection.
- An Interstate CVI is a legible record, made on an official form of the state of origin, issued by an accredited veterinarian, and issued for animals being imported to this state within 30 days before the entry of the animals, which shows that the animals listed thereon meet the health requirements of the state of Maryland.
- An APPROVED copy of this certificate must be forwarded by the State of Origin to the Animal Health Section within 30 days of completion.

**3. SELF CERTIFICATION:** A completed ***Self Certification*** is required for all entries except for equine entering equine only events.

- ***Self-Certification forms must be filled out within 24 hours prior to loading*** and presented upon request to the designated representative.
- A *Self Certification* is a an official Maryland document **signed by the owner/caretaker/transporter** stating that the animals presented for exhibition are not showing any signs of, or having recent exposure to (within 21 days) infectious or contagious diseases.
- There are species specific *Self Certification* forms for livestock (ruminants, swine), equine, poultry and rabbits. See species specific requirement below for copies of species specific Self Certification Forms.

**4. TEST REPORT FORMS.** Testing is required for some species, and if so, a test report form will be required unless otherwise documented on the CVI. See Species Specific Requirements for details of testing and test report requirements.

Examples of test reports are shown below:

- Avian Influenza Testing Report
- Pullorum-Typhoid Testing Report
- Coggins Test Report (Equine Infectious Anemia)
- Tuberculosis Test Report

**5. MARYLAND POULTRY PREMISES IDENTIFICATION** – All Maryland premises with poultry are required to be registered with the Maryland Department of Agriculture. The Poultry Premise number must be noted on the Test Report or other documentation of Pullorum Typhoid and Avian Influenza NPIP Clean or Monitored status.

**6. ANIMAL REJECTION POLICY.** Animals may be rejected from an exhibition, either denied entry or removed from the exhibition, as described below:

- a. Failure to provide complete documentation is grounds for rejection.**
- b. Livestock with clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases or external parasites are not permitted entry or allowed to remain at the exhibition.** Clinical signs include but are not limited to: active lesions of ringworm with resulting loss of hair, sore mouth, sore nose, caseous lymphadenitis, prolapse, mange or multiple warts easily visible without close examination.
- c. Suspicion of communicable disease is adequate grounds for rejection.** Confirmed diagnosis is not required, since timely removal of suspicious animals is required by law to protect the remaining animals.



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- d. Exposed animals may be rejected:** If it is believed that there is a potentially serious communicable disease present, all animals originating with the suspect animal may be rejected. Vesicular diseases are of particular concern.
- e. All decisions are final.**
- f. The exhibitor is responsible for removal of the animal(s) from the grounds immediately.**
- g.** All parties involved will be notified of all rejections, including exhibit sponsors and supervisors.
- h. Animal rejections can be made by MDA Animal Health veterinarians or field inspectors, private veterinarians contracted by the show, Maryland Extension employees or individuals designated by the fair or show 'responsible person'.**

## Species Specific Requirements

In addition to the general requirements above, specific requirements by species are shown for the following species:

- Cattle
- Swine
- Sheep
- Goats
- Horses, Ponies, Mules and other Equidae
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Camelids



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## Fair and Show Requirements: Cattle

### **All Cattle**

General Requirements

Identification: Individual identification of each animal shall be an official ear tag. Brands or tattoos will not be accepted as official identification.

### **Maryland Cattle**

Brucellosis: Maryland is a Bovine Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland cattle.

Tuberculosis: Maryland is an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State. Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland cattle.

Immunization: Bovine Respiratory Complex is required on all Maryland cattle to include Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus, Bovine Viral Diarrhea, Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis and Parainfluenza. Leptospirosis is recommended.

### **Out-of-State Cattle**

Brucellosis:

1. Bovine Brucellosis Class Free State, Region or Zone
  - a. No brucellosis test required
2. Non-Bovine Brucellosis Class Free State, Region or Zone
  - a. Be official vaccinates under 24 months old with vaccination dates recorded on the Interstate CVI, or
  - b. Be tested negative within 30 days before entry

Tuberculosis:

1. Accredited Tuberculosis Free States, Region or Zone
  - a. No tuberculin test required.
2. Modified Accredited Advanced or lower Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB Free)
  - a. All cattle over 6 months of age shall comply with the following:
    - i. Cattle must originate from a herd where a complete herd test was conducted within the past 12 months; progeny from such herds born since that test may be imported without a tuberculin test, or
    - ii. Any individual animal, over 6 months, entering Maryland must have a negative tuberculin test within 60 days before import.
  - b. Status of herd and area must be shown on certificate.



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## Fair and Show Requirements: Swine

### ***Maryland Swine***

Identification: Swine shall be individually identified by an official ear tag. Ear notches or tattoos will not be accepted for official identification.

Brucellosis: Maryland is a Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland swine.

Tuberculosis: Maryland is an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State. Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland swine.

Immunization: Leptospirosis is recommended.

### ***Out-of-State Swine***

Identification: Swine shall be individually identified by an official ear tag. Ear notches or tattoos will not be accepted for official identification.

Brucellosis: All swine, except barrows, 6 months of age and older shall be negative to an official test for brucellosis within 30 days prior to exhibition entry, **or** originate directly from a validated brucellosis-free herd or brucellosis-free state.

Pseudorabies: Swine over 6 months of age shall be negative to an official test for Pseudorabies conducted within 30 days prior to exhibition entry, **or** originate immediately and directly from a qualified Pseudorabies negative herd or Stage 4 or Stage 5 Pseudorabies free state.

Immunization: Leptospirosis is recommended.



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## Fair and Show Requirements: Sheep and Goats

### ***SHEEP***

#### ***All Sheep:***

##### **General Requirements**

**Identification for Sheep:** All sheep must be officially scrapie-identified. Official identification for sheep include the following:

1. USDA-approved eartags;
2. Legible registration tattoos, for which the registration paper shall accompany the animals; or
3. Legible tattoos consisting of an individual animal number unique within the flock in one ear and the official scrapie premise identification number (flock ID) in the other ear, except that the tail web or flank may be used for earless animals or animals with damaged ears and must be accompanied by an owner statement.
4. A microchip ID with official scrapie identification is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.

#### ***Maryland and Out of State Sheep***

No additional requirements.

#### ***Market Lambs***

It is recommended that all lambs be slick shorn prior to entry for inspection for club lamb fungus.

### ***GOATS***

#### ***All Goats:***

##### **General Requirements**

**Identification Goats:** All goats must be officially scrapie-identified. Official identification for goats include the following:

1. USDA-approved eartags;
2. Legible registration tattoos, for which the registration paper shall accompany the animals; or
3. Legible tattoos consisting of an individual animal number unique within the flock in one ear and the official scrapie premise identification number (flock ID) in the other ear, except that the tail web or flank may be used for earless animals or animals with damaged ears and must be accompanied by an owner statement.
4. A microchip ID with official scrapie identification is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.

#### ***Maryland Goats***

Brucellosis: Maryland is a Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland goats.

Tuberculosis: Maryland is an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State. Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland goats.

#### ***Out-of-State Goats***

Tuberculosis:

1. Accredited Tuberculosis Free States, Region or Zone: No tuberculin test required.
2. Modified Accredited Advanced or lower Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB Free)
  - a. All goats over 6 months of age shall comply with the following:
    - i. Goats must originate from herds in which all animals are tested negative within past 12 months; progeny from such herds born since that test, may be imported without a tuberculin test, or
    - ii. Any individual animal entering Maryland must have a negative tuberculin test within 60 days before import.
  - b. Status of herd and area must be shown on certificate





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## Fair and Show Requirements: Horses, Ponies, Mules and Other Equidae

### **All Equine**

#### General Requirements

**Identification:** Individual official identification shall include the following as applicable; name, registration number, tattoo or brand, breed, age, sex, color and markings if present. *Animals using tattoos or brands for official identification must be accompanied with the breed registration papers.*

**Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins) Testing:** All equine for exhibition shall be accompanied by a valid Coggins Test done within 12 months prior to exhibition entry.

**Self Certification Requirement and Exemption:** *Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health* is required for each equine entering a fair/show-type event where multiple livestock species are present. The form must be available for inspection if requested. Those participating in equine-only shows and events are exempt from this requirement; however, it is good practice to thoroughly double check the health and skin condition of the animal before departing for the event. The form provides an easy checklist to do this. Exhibitors may not bring an animal having apparent or known signs of a contagious or infectious disease to a show.

### **Maryland Equine**

1. All horses and other equidae, 9 months of age and older, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) made within the 12 months before the date of the event. A copy of this test shall accompany every animal.
2. A Maryland CVI is not required for Maryland equine

### **Out-of-State Equine**

1. All horses and other equidae, 9 months of age and older, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) made within the 12 months before the date of the event. A copy of this test shall accompany every animal.
2. All horses and other equidae shall be accompanied by a CVI issued within 30 days prior to entry.
3. The following contiguous states and New Jersey are exempted from the CVI requirement: Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.



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## Fair and Show Requirements: Poultry

### ***All Poultry***

#### **General Requirements**

1. NO POULTRY EXHIBITIONS WILL BE ALLOWED PRIOR TO MAY 15, 2016.
2. AFTER MAY 15, 2016, **ONE DAY ONLY** POULTRY-EGG EXHIBITIONS ARE ALLOWED.
3. NO WATERFOWL WILL BE ALLOWED INTO FAIRS AND SHOWS.
4. EGGS MUST BE CLEANED AND SANITIZED
5. NO PRIVATE POULTRY SALES ARE ALLOWED AT FAIRS AND SHOWS.
6. **NO WILDBIRD DISPLAYS OR POULTRY PETTING ZOOS WILL BE ALLOWED.**
7. Identification: All poultry entering an exhibition shall be identified with a numbered leg or wing band.
8. All poultry exhibitors shall complete a *Poultry Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health*.
9. Testing Requirements: All poultry for exhibition shall meet the requirements for Pullorum-Typhoid and Avian Influenza testing as detailed below.
  - A. Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid Testing Requirements. All poultry except waterfowl, pigeons and doves shown at public exhibitions in this state shall meet one or more of the following requirements:
    - i. Originate directly from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and all amendments to that publication thereafter adopted pursuant to rules that the director may promulgate, OR
    - ii. Have a negative official test for Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid within 90 days before fair, exhibitions, exposition, or show facility and remain segregated from all poultry of unknown or positive Salmonella Pullorum-Typhoid test status.
  - B. Avian Influenza Testing Requirements. All poultry except pigeons and doves shown at public exhibitions in this state shall meet one or more of the following requirements:
    - i. Originate directly from a U.S. Avian Influenza Clean Flock as defined in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, or from a State Avian Influenza Monitored Flock as defined by the state of origin, OR
    - ii. Have a negative Avian Influenza test conducted on at least 30 birds from their flock (or complete flock if fewer than 30) within 10 days prior to event and remain segregated from all poultry of unknown or positive Avian Influenza test status.
10. Documentation of test results must be provided on MDA-E06 and MDA - E20, VS form 9-2, VS form 9-3 or comparable form.

### ***Maryland Poultry***

Premise Registration: All poultry exhibitors originating from Maryland must have valid proof of a registered Maryland Poultry Premises ID Number.

### ***Out-of-State Poultry***

No additional requirements.



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## Fair and Show Requirements: Rabbits

### ***All Rabbits***

#### General Requirements

1. See 2015 Rabbit Waiver: Rabbits are not required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
2. Identification: Individual identification of each animal shall be a tag, tattoo or microchip if the exhibitor provides the reader.
3. All Rabbits for exhibition shall complete a *Rabbit Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health*.

### ***Maryland and Out-of-State Rabbits***

No additional requirements.

## Fair and Show Requirements: Camelids

### ***All Camelids***

#### General Requirements

Identification: Individual identification of each animal shall be an official metal ear tag or microchip if the exhibitor provides the reader.

### ***Maryland Camelids***

Brucellosis: Brucellosis testing is not required for Maryland camelids.

Tuberculosis: Tuberculin test is not required for Maryland camelids.


### ***Out-Of-State Camelids***

Brucellosis: Brucellosis testing is not required for out-of-state camelids.

Tuberculosis:

1. Accredited Tuberculosis Free States, Region or Zone
  - a. No tuberculin test required.
2. Modified Accredited Advanced or lower Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB Free)
  - a. All camelids over 6 months of age shall comply with the following:
    - i. Camelids must originate from a herd not under restriction or quarantine for tuberculosis and from which a complete herd test was conducted within the past 12 months; progeny from such herds born since that test may be imported without a tuberculin test, or
    - ii. Any individual animal, over 6 months, entering Maryland must have a negative tuberculin test within 60 days before import.
  - b. Status of herd and area must be shown on certificate.

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